



# Howard County

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## *Internal Memorandum*

**Subject:** *Capital Project B3863 Downtown Columbia – Oakland Mills Connection Improvements*

**To:** *Mary Kay Sigaty, Chair  
Howard County Council*

**From:** *Dave Grabowski, Chair  
Howard County Planning Board*



**Date:** *May 1, 2012*

At a Public Hearing held by the Planning Board on April 19, 2012, the Board heard a presentation by Marsha McLaughlin, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning, regarding a new Capital Project to provide a feasibility study, design and construction of enhancements to existing and potential future connection over US 29. The project calls for \$100,000 to be spent by Howard County for plans and engineering. The Howard Hughes Company would be responsible for the additional \$500,000 for construction.

The Board recommended the project as a high priority for the study and moderate priority for construction. The Board agreed that the County should evaluate the feasibility studies by Howard Hughes and take advantage of the available outside funds. One Board member expressed concern that the scope of the studies includes the overall impact on transit and how current services would be affected by rerouting.

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